



4/2/98 Crushed

A 26-year-old, married, father of four, was killed when he was struck and pulled under the tracks of a log loader.

The operator of the loader was attempting to back the machine, and did not see the worker bent down, adjusting his equipment. No audible warning device was used, and the driver did not do a visual check. By the time the victim realized the machine was moving, he was pulled under the treads and crushed.

Questions to ask?

- Do you work with any equipment that would benefit from backup alarms, even though they may not be required?
- If backup alarms are required, are they functioning?